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Dear Sirs,

I wish to comment on the Proposed Final Judgment in the case of U.S. v. Microsoft.

I am a world-wide-web engineer with 6 years' experience. In and before this time, I have spent a great deal of time using computers, running Microsoft's software and others.

Throughout this time I have been appalled beyond measure at Microsoft's practices - particularly its practice of leveraging its monopoly power to ruthlessly destroy any business or technology that threatens it. In this way, Microsoft has reduced - if not eliminated - competition, and prevented the distribution of superior (or at least alternative) technologies. It has generally staked claim to exclusive control of a vast sector of the American economy, to the extent that no other enterprise dare attempt to enter the field.

The proposed settlement is not even a slap on the wrist. Microsoft itself clearly knows this, and continues to behave as though it had not been found guilty in a court of law - engaging in anticompetitive conduct and further entrenching its illegal monopoly.

In essence, Microsoft will have been found guilty, and then allowed to walk free with no punishment, and with no real mechanisms to prevent further abuses. Why should the company hesitate to continue to break the law both in letter and spirit in the face of such impotence of the American the justice system?

I am optimistic. I have hope that the United States Departement of Justice - at its fundamental level - cannot be bought. If the settlement goes forward as currently proposed, I will have a great deal of trouble maintaining this belief.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Dossier